

way to distribute cargo and allowing our ports—and our nation—to maintain their competitive edge.

It is a testament to Councilman Kellogg's exemplary service that the Alameda Corridor is now in full-scale construction, on budget, and on schedule for completion in 2002.

Councilman Kellogg has conducted himself with great honor and integrity during his years as a public servant, and should be commended for his outstanding service.

COMMENDING ISRAEL'S REDEPLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 331, a bill that commends Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon. I commend and thank my colleagues, the sponsors of this resolution for giving all members an opportunity to formally support Israel's recent withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

We have all witnessed some tough times in Israel's journey toward the peace it desires. This unilateral and courageous step shows the world and especially those in the Middle East that Israel is committed to moving forward for peace.

This decisive action on Israel's part is one of many risks Israel's leaders have proven willing to take in order to make peace a reality. I commend Prime Minister Barak, the members of the Knesset, and the people of Israel for their courage and resolve. I also want to acknowledge the important work of so many in our country who have devoted time and energy to ensuring a bright future for Israel.

I am committed to supporting Israel and helping to guarantee her security so that the dream of peace in the Middle East may one day be a reality.

Along with my colleagues, I hope to see the United Nations bring about a more secure environment in southern Lebanon, including taking action to disband any terrorist organizations in that area.

I am so proud of Israel for taking this meaningful step toward peace. While Israel has shown great restraint in the face of violence, I want to reassert my belief that Israel has every right to protect itself against terrorists or attacks by other nations. Israel is the United States' closest ally in the Middle East and other nations would not be wise to test the strength of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Again, I applaud Israel for this bold move, and I urge all parties in the Middle East to re-enter serious negotiations for peace in the Middle East. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in support of H. Con. Res. 331, so that this body can be on record in our support for Israel's efforts to bring peace to that nation and the region.

FIRE TRIBUTE TO BROWARD COUNTY'S RESCUE SERVICE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Broward County's Fire Rescue service. Recently, they were named the number one emergency and medical service in the state of Florida.

Broward Fire Rescue has had many outstanding accomplishments this year. They received a grant of \$100,000 to put automatic external defibrillators in public buildings. This program is intended to quicken the process of helping heart attack victims. They were also the first agency in the county to give the heart attack clot-busting drug, Retavase, to patients while on the way to the hospital. In addition, the fire-rescue workers transport heart attack and stroke victims to the county hospital that is best equipped patients rather than just the nearest one. Furthermore, the agency began airing fire-safety announcements before films at Muvico theaters.

I would particularly like to honor the men and women of Broward Fire Rescue for their tireless efforts of providing care for the injured and sick. Without these individuals, the accomplishments listed above would not be possible. The agency should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to Broward County and its residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIAN WOMEN PROGRAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Hoaglen and the Round Valley Indian Tribe's STOP Violence Against Indian Women Program.

A recipient of the 2000 National Crime Victim Service Award, Special Award for Innovations in Service to Victims in Indian Country, the Round Valley STOP Program is an example of how dedication and collaboration with local resources can make an impact on victims of domestic violence and their children in Indian Country.

The Crime Victim Service Award, the highest award for victim advocacy, honors those that have provided extraordinary service and great commitment to victims.

In existence since May 1998, the Round Valley STOP Program has forged partnerships with local agencies, entering into agreements with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the County Victim Witness Unit.

In addition, they completed a draft Tribal Domestic Violence Ordinance that has generated discussion of issues surrounding domestic violence. The program works closely with the local domestic violence shelter and has provided funding for a Children's Program offering care and support for children living in the shelter.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Margaret Hoaglen and

the Round Valley STOP Violence Against Indian Women Program for the dedicated service they provide to victims in Indian Country. Congratulations to them for receiving this very important award.

HONORING T. L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL IN ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I honor T. L. Hanna High School in Anderson, SC. This school has been recently named a 1999–2000 school year "Blue Ribbon School" by Secretary of Education, Richard Riley.

Since its inception in 1982, more than 3,800 of the most successful and challenging schools in the country have been honored by inclusion in the Blue Ribbons Schools Program. The schools chosen for this program must fulfill stringent, research-based criteria for overall academics, excellence. To be eligible to be a Blue Ribbon School, schools are judged in all areas of academics, instruction, professional development, and school curriculum. In addition, honored schools exhibit exceptional levels of community and parental involvement, high student achievement levels and rigorous safety and discipline programs within their schools.

T. L. Hanna High School was one of only four schools in South Carolina honored with this prestigious award this year. In fact, they were one of an elite 198 schools nationwide chosen for this honor for the 1999–2000 school year.

T. L. Hanna High School is an outstanding example of effective public school and is well deserving of this national award. Their parents, students, teachers, administrators, and school officials should all be proud for achieving this special honor. This school is a strong example of excellence in academics in the 3rd District of South Carolina and should serve as a model for schools across the country. I am proud to have this blue ribbon school in my district of South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my fellow colleagues will join me in congratulating T. L. Hanna High School for their commitment to educational excellence.

CONSUMER AUTOMOBILE LEASE ADVERTISING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today legislation to amend current federal law to provide consumers with more relevant, complete and timely information about the terms and costs of automobile leases. My legislation, the "Consumer Automobile Lease Advertising Improvement Act of 2000", seeks to empower consumers by providing them with the information they need to evaluate lease offers, to comparison shop for the best lease